



There's something for everyone in the holiday season. If you like warm colors, the hills are obliging now, and man-made ornaments will soon be hanging in the streets and living rooms. Snow is already falling in the Sierra Nevada and the Rockies--it'll be a cold winter, they say, and a long skiing season.

The holidays themselves are a warm farewell to a long year. The first great feed, Thanksgiving, is upon us, and the day-after shopping ordeal will give us no time to recover. Between the dinners on Turkey Day and Christmas

will be all those politically incorrect gifts of fruitcake or whatever--no one will really mind if your diet is destroyed.

There's an undertone of spirituality here, too. There are literal meanings for Thanksgiving, and for Christmas, and for Hanukkah, that are not always ignored. New Year's Eve is the occasion for many good resolutions, even if few of them are kept. Even the ancient, and hedonistic, Saturnalia is remembered.

There will also be a current of sadness. We will bustle about, passing on the good cheer, remembering relatives and forgetting our

friends, muddled up in our traditions of good will--there will be many who are just not in the mood. The season of good cheer will be difficult for them.

Many of us have lost our families--some because the families have died and we cannot replace them, others through misunderstanding and fear--we lost a large part of our childhood, and our traditions with them.

When we're done with the commercialism, and the greetings, and the presents, and the eating, let's remember to take a holiday. Rest a little--like most good advice, it's hard to follow. Happy Holidays.

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VOICE OF THE GAY WEST

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GAY TOURS BEING PLANNED

In the near future, the Silver Lion System, in cooperation with Patlar Enterprises, will offer travel tours designed specially for gay people. Members of the gay community who like to travel and who are interested in meeting other gay people can now do both simultaneously. The Silver Lion System is located at 7649 Sunrise Boulevard, Suite G, Citrus Heights, CA, (916) 722-TOUR.

A first such gay tour is now being planned for next Spring, a 3-week trip to West Germany.

The first West German stop will be Sylt, which is a gay island comparable to Fire Island. Although the interests of the group will determine the exact places to be seen, the tour may include Hamburg, Berlin, Cologne, the Rhine River area, Frankfurt, Nuremberg, and Munich. Possible side-trips to East Berlin, Copenhagen, and Amsterdam may also be included.

The trip to Germany offers the potential of being a real dream vacation. There is a free and open gay culture in Germany, and Americans are generally found to be very attractive and "in demand."

Persons who are interested should plan to obtain a passport as soon as possible. A passport currently costs \$15. In January the cost will increase to \$45.

In addition, a number of van tours (7-10 passenger capacity) and sight-seeing flights are being planned. Immediate offerings include: 2-day houseboat

tours, Yosemite tours, and 1-day trips to the California wine country and Reno. Future trips can be built around participant interests and may include tours of such California sites as Pt. Reyes-Bodega Bay, Tulelake Lava Beds, Mendocino, Hearst Castle, Grand Canyon, and Las Vegas.

These tours are being put together by Holger van Deun, the owner of the Silver Lion System. He was born and raised in Germany and has 10 years of experience in the travel industry. Van Deun, who's 32, moved to America 3 years ago because he admires the American life style and feels close to Americans; he especially enjoys the friendliness of the people and the scenery of this country. He formed the Silver Lion System to provide a distinct vacation service for Germans visiting California.

Travellers can either travel privately or as a part of a tour. There are disadvantages to both. If

a person travels privately then it is necessary to expend time and energy to find housing and make travel arrangements. A tour, of course, is fully planned and leaves little time for individual preferences. The Silver Lion System provides a happy medium. Basic tour arrangements such as transportation and housing are made; and then, additional services are available, such as a guide and side trips, if wanted by the tourists. The intent of the Silver Lion System is to offer a service which is responsive to the needs and interests of its customers.

Although the Silver Lion System originally planned to serve German tourists, that concept was expanded in 1982. As the firm gained experience, it became apparent that many Americans have not seen many of the sights their own country has to offer. So now tours are available to any desired point in the state, nation, or world, including the South Pole--if anyone wants to go there.

AFL-CIO ENDORSES GAY RIGHTS

The Industrial Unions department of the AFL-CIO adopted a gay-rights resolution at its annual October convention.

The resolution calls for an end to discrimination on the basis of sexual preference in public accommodations and employment, and will be incorporated into the Department's civil-rights policy.

The Department includes 35 unions, and is the largest

of the eight operational divisions of the AFL-CIO. Included in the department are the Steelworkers, the Auto Workers, the Communication Workers, Service Employees, Teachers, Amalgamated Clerks, and the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME).

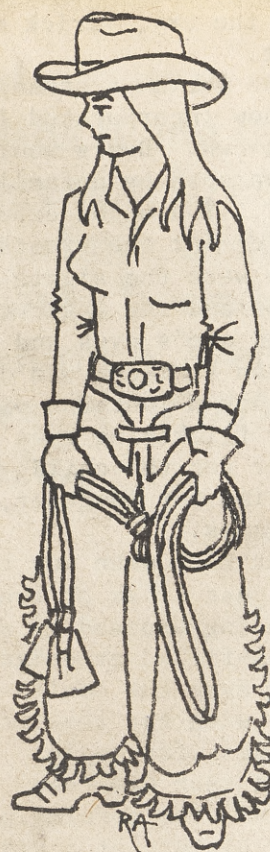
AFSCME introduced the resolution, which passed by a voice-vote. It parallels a similar resolution passed earlier this year by AFSCME.

ROPIN' ROSIE ROARS

"WHEN PEOPLE BRAG"

"BE QUIET"

!!!!!!



"Although it may seem strange," observed Don Harper, "it's true that there is a bigger fool than the fellow who knows it all: it is the guy who will argue with him." And there was the woman, according to Ellen McCord, who left her lover because she was such a sound sleeper--she couldn't stand the sound.

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EDITORIAL

IS HALLOWEEN DEAD?

By Gregg Vincent

As a child growing up, Halloween was the one time of the year I considered all my own. It was the make-believe world come to life. It was the time of ghosts and goblins, witches and warlocks, candy and costumes.

It was fun to do things with Mother's make-up and Father's cast-off clothing. It was spending what seemed like hours standing still being made up and finally being pushed triumphantly in front of the mirror. It was gazing at the reflection, and seeing an unknown creature with shadowed eyes and blood-red lipstick and ill-fitting clothes.

What a frightful sight it presented, and you cried out, "Is that really me?" And excitedly, you grabbed a bag and dashed out the door to the sounds of laughter and a final message, "No later than ten. Don't forget."

Free. Out into the darkness, out into the world with wings for feet, scurrying from house to house and door to door, demanding homage with the cry, "Trick or Treat."

The world of strangers was somehow incorporated into one's own. Doors would be thrown open by unfamiliar faces. You stood expectantly waiting for the treats.

These were the sights and sounds and the magic that filled one's eyes and mind as you ran from door to door. The jack-o-lanterns with their flickering eyes held wonder for the child. It was the time for laughter, fun, and games.

But Halloween was far more than just trick or treat. It was being exposed to a magical fun-filled experience. Often even the adults were borne with the revelers in the quest for magic.

But that was then. This is now. The morning paper has a picture of a Kit Kat candy bar with a pin sticking out of it. The corresponding story tells of razor blades and chemicals being put into

candy, fruits, anything consumable; medicines being pulled from circulation as people have sickened or died after ingesting poisons.

It's a time of precaution for many parents. Security measures are being sought to ensure the safety of the products, and stricter controls are being sought to prevent a repetition of such illnesses and deaths.

Because of fear, people are guarding their children. One is grieved to think that this time of wonder and experience has to pass so ungraciously from the American scene. Halloween is becoming a day without the patter of feet and ringing of door bells, a day without the chorus of voices uttering their words of magic and allowing all to share in their world of fantasy and make-believe.

I recently moved to the house I occupy. I suppose I could say my home was avoided on Halloween out of fear of the stranger within. But, unfortunately, that wouldn't hold true. Actually, I'd prefer that explanation to the harshness of reality. Where were the universally accepted, welcomed beacons of light shining and spilling out into the night as kindred souls bid welcome to the ghosts and goblins of Halloween Eve? A sad testimonial to the sickness that's been seeping into the bulwark of our nation, creeping like the insidious monster it is into households and lives. Fear. The grim reaper of innocence.

No longer will the patter of feet and the pounding of the door disturb the peace and tranquility of my abode. No longer will my dogs go racing pell-mell into the hall, barking wildly, perhaps even causing a little fright to the small visitors who anxiously await the chance to utter the magical words and to hear my praise for their costumes and make-up.

No longer do I have to admonish the dogs, nor do I have to let the chill in by opening the door over and

over. An overpowering sense of loss fills me. I feel a sense of emptiness as silence stretches across the reaches of my mind. And I remember other Halloweens filled with laughter and the essence of magic.

What a loss to the children of today's world not to know the joy and wonder of experiencing the magical creation of Halloween that's been passed down since the days of the Druids and is steeped with folklore and tradition.

To take this nation's heritage and bastardize it fills me with a sense of anger and helplessness at not knowing how to combat its destructiveness.

I have seen much in 1982, sky-rocketing unemployment, bankrupt businesses, war, death, famine. But I will not remember 1982 for these things. I have learned to deal with and adapt to them. I have become immune to their impact. It is the loss of innocence I will think of. That's a far more realistic and important thrust because it involves the children of today and the adults of tomorrow.

1982. Will we remember this as the year that Halloween died?

contact with one another, and we're very much interested in documenting the life of gay communities in such places. We'd very much like to maintain a complete file of PATLAR GAZETTE in our permanent reference collection for the use of future researchers.

Is it still possible to obtain a copy of the first issue? If so, we would much appreciate it if you could send it to us. We will try to pick up future issues at Oscar Wilde; but such distribution is always chancy, and we'd be much surer of having a complete run of the publication if you could put us on your comp subscription list. The papers would be filed, taken care of, used by researchers, and eventually, with your permission, included in our program to preserve gay newsprint publications on microfiche and make them available to other libraries.

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LETTERS

Dear Editor:

Recently I picked up a copy of PATLAR GAZETTE in the TWIN PEAKS bar. I especially liked your people profiles, "Personalities," complete with pictures. After all, people are news. But more importantly, such pieces are great anti-closet antidotes. And closetry is one of our biggest obstacles to liberation.

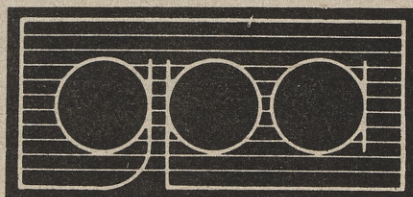
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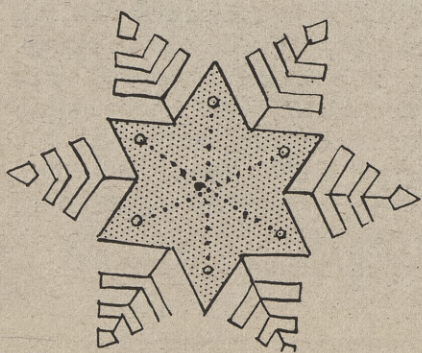
Recently we picked up a copy of PATLAR GAZETTE, Vol. 1, No. 2, at Oscar Wilde Memorial Book Shop in New York; it was the first issue we'd seen.

We think it's important for gay people in small cities and towns to be in

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GAY PRESS ASSOCIATION



An open letter to the gay community on hepatitis B

Hepatitis B, a serious disease, may be sexually transmitted

Sexually transmitted diseases among the gay community are epidemic. Herpes has recently received a lot of attention; gonorrhea and syphilis are well known; but the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recently issued a major recommendation for the prevention of another sexually transmitted disease: Hepatitis B. In their *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report*, the CDC stated: "Susceptible homosexually active males should be vaccinated [against hepatitis B] regardless of their age or duration of their homosexual practices."

Gay men are at a high risk of contracting hepatitis B

In one study, from 51% to 76% of 3,816 gay men seen in five sexually transmitted disease clinics had evidence of past or present hepatitis B infection. Once infected, there's a 6% to 10% chance of becoming a carrier—capable of passing on the virus. The CDC estimated there are nearly 1 million carriers in the United States and that 100,000 of these carriers are gay men.

The hepatitis B virus can be passed on by contact with contaminated body fluids

such as saliva, urine, semen, and blood. The hepatitis B virus can be transmitted through tiny breaks in the skin or contact with mucous membranes. This can occur during intimate sexual contact and can lead to hepatitis B for the partner of an infected person. Although most patients recover and over half contracting hepatitis B do not get symptoms, there is no specific treatment and no known cure for hepatitis B infections.

Hepatitis B may lead to even more serious complications

For those who do get symptoms of hepatitis B, a mild or severe "flu-like" sickness may continue for weeks or months. Ten percent of all infections become long lasting (chronic) with potential complications that are sometimes more serious than those of other sexually transmitted diseases. The serious complications include the chronic carrier state, chronic active hepatitis, chronic persistent hepatitis, cirrhosis, and even cancer of the liver. Every year almost 4,000 carriers die of cirrhosis. In addition, carriers have a risk 273 times greater than that of the general population of contracting a usually fatal form of liver cancer.

Now this serious sexually transmitted disease is usually preventable by vaccination with the new hepatitis B vaccine

After more than a decade of research and development, a new vaccine is available for prevention, *not treatment*, of hepatitis B. In clinical studies, the vaccine was highly effective in preventing hepatitis B infection and was generally well tolerated. No serious adverse reactions occurred in these studies.

The vaccination regimen consists of a series of three injections, the first two a month apart and the third, six months after the first. To be effective, the vaccine must be given before a person gets hepatitis B. The vaccine helps prevent the disease: *It is not effective as a treatment*. We suggest that you consult your doctor to determine if you should be vaccinated.

**For more information
about hepatitis B and the
vaccine to prevent it, contact
your doctor, clinic, or the
American Liver Founda-
tion. 998 Pompton Avenue,
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Why you should consult your doctor or clinic

The vaccine helps protect against infection caused by hepatitis B virus. This virus is an important cause of viral hepatitis, a disease mainly of the liver. Even mild forms of this disease may lead to serious complications and aftereffects, including liver cancer. There is no specific treatment for viral hepatitis.

Vaccination is recommended for persons who have a higher risk of becoming infected with hepatitis B virus because of frequent, close contact with infected people or exposure to body fluids from such people. It will not

protect against hepatitis caused by viruses other than hepatitis B virus.

No serious adverse reactions were reported in over 6,000 individuals receiving the vaccine in clinical trials. The most frequent reaction was soreness at the point of injection; less common local reactions included redness, swelling, warmth, or formation of a hard, lumplike spot. The local effects were usually mild and lasted no more than 2 days after vaccination. Occasionally, low-grade fever (less than 101 °F) occurred. When it did, it usually lasted no longer than 48 hours following vaccination. In

rare cases, fever over 102 °F was reported.

More generalized complaints including malaise, fatigue, headache, nausea, dizziness, muscle pain, and joint pain were reported infrequently. Rash was reported rarely. As with any vaccine, broad use may reveal additional adverse reactions.

Your doctor or clinic knows what special care must be taken when administering the vaccine and in determining who should receive the vaccine. The vaccine is not intended for persons who are allergic to any of its components.

THE CABBAGE PATCH

An Alternative Way to Serve Spaghetti

by Hedda Khabahj

With the change to cool and rainy weather, it is time to turn our attention to hot dishes, and certainly spaghetti is a standard favorite. However, some years ago I got tired of spaghetti with meat sauce or

with meat balls. As many have done with their lifestyles, I turned to alternatives. I found there are marvelous ways that don't involve meat. I share with you an easy red clam sauce.

Ingredients:

¼ cup vegetable or olive oil

½ cup butter or margarine

1 or 2 cloves of garlic, minced

½ cup of water

½ cup chopped parsley

1 teaspoon salt (can be omitted)

½ teaspoon pepper

1 can (15 oz.) tomato sauce

1½ tablespoons flour

2 cans (8 oz. each) minced clams

Heat oil and butter in a skillet. Add garlic and cook lightly until browned. Remove from heat and cool slightly. Add water slowly. Stir in the parsley, oregano, and pepper. Add the tomato sauce and allow to simmer for about 10 minutes. Drain the clams and mix the flour with the clam juice to make rather thin paste. Add to the sauce and heat, constantly stirring, until thickened, about 10 minutes. Add the clams and heat thoroughly. Serve over hot pasta. Sprinkle with freshly grated parmesan cheese (or Ramano or a combination of both.) This will make 5 cups which will serve 2 pounds of spaghetti for six very ample portions. There are all sorts of variations. You can omit the tomato

sauce and have a white clam sauce (about 3 cups.) Or you can omit the clams and add two 7½ oz. cans of tuna, drained, one can of anchovies, drained, and a cup of mayonnaise. In this case, blend the tuna and mayonnaise in a processor and omit the flour thickening. Leftovers may be kept for several days in the refrigerator.

Some people like to serve garlic bread with pasta, but I have never felt that more starch was necessary. A simple salad with an oil and vinegar dressing adds all one needs.

One thing too many people tend to overlook is that pasta comes in a great variety of shapes. Instead of just using the typical spaghetti, try one of the other shapes like linguina, tagliatella, or bucatto. A neat idea for the white clam sauce is to use the green pasta. But bear in mind that the green pasta doesn't work too well (at least to the eye) with the red sauces.

If the budget is really tight, put several cloves of minced garlic in several tablespoons of olive oil and brown. Use this on the pasta with sprinkled cheese for a hearty and inexpensive meal.

One last admonition--don't, but DON'T overcook the pasta. You don't want it raw, but you don't want it gummy or mushy. There should be some texture, not just goo. It's what the Italians call "al dente."

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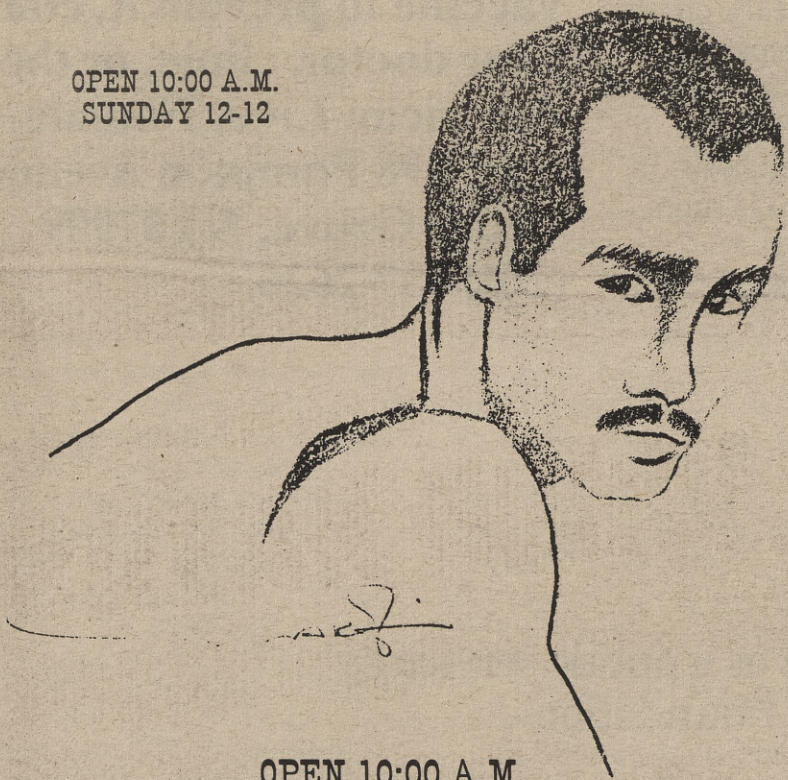
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WANDA THE GARDENER

By Wanda Martin

HOW TO USE FERTILIZERS

Plants use up to 16 elements for growth and development. The plants themselves obtain three of them--carbon, hydrogen, and oxygen--from air and water. The soil supplies the remainder of which three are considered primary nutrients--nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium and which can be used in relatively large amounts. The remaining nutrients (which are used in small amounts) are iron, sulphur, calcium, magnesium, zinc, manganese, molybdenum, copper, boron, and chlorine. Extreme care should be used when applying these lesser nutrients because an overdose can be toxic.

Brief descriptions of the major nutrients, and a few lesser ones, are as follows:

NITROGEN:

Is most active in new shoots, leaves, and buds. Nitrogen regulates the plant's ability to make protein that forms new cells. Its presence assures rapid growth and promotes dark green color in plants. A deficiency of this nutrient slows down new growth and results in a yellowish appearance in the foliage. Many older leaves may turn yellow and drop. This is most noticeable during periods when the plants are producing new growth or flowering heavily.

PHOSPHORUS:

Controls the movement of food within the plant. They manufacture sufficient food in the leaves, but the food does not move to needed areas so the plant will appear "hungry." Lack of phosphorus is noticeable in weak root and stem development.

POTASSIUM:

(also known as POTASH)

Stimulates the development of fruit and flowers and the growth

of roots and stems. It is necessary for the manufacture and movement of starches in plants. A deficiency will reduce vigor and disease resistance resulting in poor fruit, flowers and growth.

IRON:

Necessary for the replacement of chlorophyll (what makes the plants green). A deficiency results in the yellowing of the area between the leaf veins; in other words the veins are a dark green on a yellowish leaf. Gardenias are most susceptible to iron deficiency.

SULPHUR:

Reacts with nitrogen for the formation of protoplasm needed for new plant cells needed for growth.

CALCIUM:

Is necessary for cell manufacture and is contained in the growing tips of each root.

MANGANESE, MAGNESIUM, and ZINC:

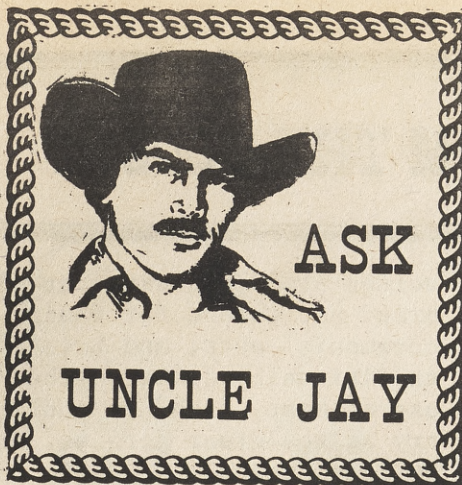
Act as catalysts in utilization of other nutrients.

The rest of the nutrients are to be used in extremely small amounts.

The letters N P K on a box or bag of fertilizer stand for Nitrogen, Phosphorus, and Potassium. The numbers following the NPK lettering stand for the amount of each element that is contained within. For example N25 P0 K0 means 25% nitrogen and no Phosphorus or Potassium.

Before you apply any fertilizers, it is best to pre-soak the soil. This will reduce any possibility of fertilizer burn.

It is very important to FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS on the package. Read them carefully.



Dear Uncle Jay,

My lover and I have been together for three years. We each do our own thing with our free time. However, last week my friend asked if we could take separate vacations! I was upset and said,

CAMPAIGN HEADQUARTERS, ELECTION NIGHT

The polls closed at eight, and the absentee ballots were released. We're down by eight per cent. We're not to worry--we expected a conservative absentee vote. Lots of people must still be home watching the national returns--they have the eastern numbers first, of course.

Nine o'clock. Three per cent of the precincts reporting; we're down by four per cent and closing. It's turning into a bad night for Republicans and a good night for Democrats. Politicians, however, are displaying an amazing capacity for denying defeat. Here's somebody I know--

"No!" He said it would help us. I say it won't. Please provide a third opinion.

Acapulco Alone

Dear AA,

I sense a need on your other half's part for some space of his own in order to maintain his sanity. I would think a few weeks apart (rather than forever apart) is just what the doctor ordered. You did not indicate if the relationship was otherwise "in trouble."

Please send you letters to Uncle Jay, c/o Patlar Gazette, P.O. Box 22402, Sacramento, CA 95822. Write CONFIDENTIAL on the envelope!

excuse me.

Ten o'clock. Down one per cent! We can't hear the TV anymore. There's a second camera crew setting up--the race drew a lot of interest. "We know we're going to win. It'll take a while counting the ballots, so would the owner of a white Buick, license #BXZ 018...."

Ten thirty. Forty-nine point nine per cent to fifty point one per cent. The candidate is back on the floor, being interviewed. "It is, of course, too early to predict victory. But we're

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LETTERS FROM THE CLOSET

THE CLOSET QUICHE-EATER

Real Men have long been known for their ability to consume vast quantities of quiche. Recently, however, a minority of guilt-ridden adults has coalesced into the phenomenon known as the closet quiche-eater.

Statistics on the size of the problem are difficult to come by. Closet Quichers are inherently secretive about their proclivities. However, a recent study by Bruce Feirstein (Real Men Don't Eat Quiche) suggests the problem is so severe that quichers will dominate society in the next decade.

Clearly, with so few open quiche eaters, if the situation is so serious that takeover is a likely possibility, then there must be a quicher in every household, and under every bed.

There are a wide variety of reasons why quichers remain concealed. Ordering a quiche at a business lunch will ordinarily lead to ridicule, embarrassment, and the possible loss of a contract, or a job. Religious sects, especially the Christian ones which dominate the ethical life of Western Civilization, pre-

scribe bread and wine, or bread and water, for their ceremonial acts, and have traditionally fostered the use of meat, fish, or poultry at the great gorgies, or holiday feasts.

A clear contrast may be seen between Western traditions and Oriental ones. An old-style Chinese bride and groom would be showered with eggs, dyed red, as an obvious symbol of fertility. The women of the Ukraine spend endless hours over their pyskyanski, or eggs decorated with elaborate wax-resist designs. The !Kung Bushmen of the Kalahari, never having heard of quiche, will frequently feast on cooked ostrich eggs, and do so with no fear of compromising their virility.

Assailed from so many perspectives, it is no wonder that so many otherwise normal adults repress their desires for this delectable dish. Repression, and societally induced guilt, begin to color their entire personalities.

Certainly it could be asserted that once a quicher retires to the privacy and security of his own home, the Constitution should

protect that privacy. Actual laws are even on the statute books guaranteeing the rights of consenting adults to consume quiche in private, but such laws only relate to 26 states. Texas was the most recent addition.

However, the quicher knows that this tolerance stops at the moat of his castle, and beyond the walls, the lacto-ovulophobes have so effectively propagandized society that the quicher himself may retain doubts about his manhood; and, on the political front, the New Right is even now moving to substitute ketchup for quiche in school lunches.

A few positive role models do exist. Alan Alda and Chevy Chase commonly, sometimes defiantly, order quiche in public restaurants. Commented Alda, "If you don't like it, don't look." Unfortunately, against these examples we must set Phil Donahue and Don Meredith, whose palates have also come out. Perhaps quiche works better for people with identical initials.

Treatment for this disorder has centered on helping the quicher to accept both his eggs and his ego. Researchers are discovering that this frequently leads to an acceptance of a gentler, more varied and more creative life-

style. Support groups are beginning to be founded, not just for the quicher, but occasionally for employers, friends, and family as well.

The precise effects of the impending takeover are uncertain. Closet quichers have been notably reluctant to proselytize, or otherwise molest, youngsters in their quest for the American Diet. They are able to simulate the responsible American Male with surprising ease. In fact, they are frequently considered civic leaders and/or pillars of the community. The only sensible advice to be adopted in the event of takeover is an adaptation of the theatre's good-luck adage, "Break an egg."



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CHICO

PARENTS AND FRIENDS OF GAYS

by Lady Ashley

Greetings! from Chico, CA, known to some as the Velveeta Cheese Capital of the world. The gay community in this small college town has been very active this past year in its efforts to promote a better understanding of gays and lesbians. A great help in this endeavor is Parents and Friends of Gays. The last meeting was held on Oct. 16 at the home of Harlan Adams. The guest speaker was Sheldon Enochs, City Councilman of Chico. His topic was on the importance of getting minority groups to vote and be active in community affairs. There was some discussion about getting an ordinance passed against discrimination of minorities in housing and employment.

Parents and Friends of Gays meet the third Sunday of every month at 1:00 pm at Harlan's home located at 555 Vallombrosa, #76. The meetings to date have proved

very beneficial not only to gays and lesbians of this area but also to many parents who are trying to come to an understanding of a life style different from their own. Past speakers have included Police Chief John Bullerjahn, Judge Ann Rutherford, Father Mel of St. Francis Parish (co-chaplain of Dignity/Sacramento), and Sister Dorothy of the same parish. The Parents and Friends group has expanded a good deal in the three years of its existence, due mainly to Harlan's efforts and his credibility in the community. Harlan is a former professor of Chico State University; the Harlan Adams Theatre is named for him.

The next meeting will be held November 21, and the guest speaker will be Mardi Worley, Mayor of Chico. On December 19, Jane Dolan, County Supervisor will address the group. All guests are welcome.

SAN JOSE

by Robert Colton

The most popular bar in San Jose has become the 6-4-1 Club on Stockton Ave., right in the middle of the Stockton Strip.

Jerry, the owner, wears a smile like I wear blue jeans--constantly--and works right along with his boys to keep the bar spanking clean for his customers. They're doing the place over again, so come on down and be one of the gay blades at the 6-4-1 Club.

The Stockton Strip has several bars, all within walking distance of each other. At the far end you start with:

BUCKS: Disco, full liquor and dancing.

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lunches, after hours on Saturday.

BOOT RACK: Full liquor, pool and patio.

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After a night of serious partying, when driving is a serious error, you can, well, rest, at the Watergarden Baths. They've just finished remodeling, too, and its spectacular. It's your basic full-service Strip.

Do you want to have a great dinner? Make plans to come down to the Interlude. It's a dinner house with a full cocktail bar and live entertainment at the Piano Bar.

CHICO ESTABLISHES HOTLINE

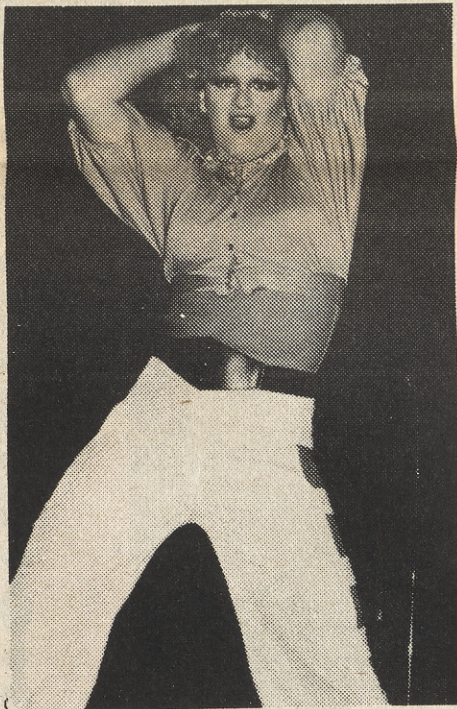
Another first for Chico is the new "Hotline" for the gay community. This materialized as the result of a recent fund raiser held at Chico's one and only gay bar, 900 Cherry. So, if any of you out there should be passing through Chico, be sure and stop and have a drink with the amiable owners--Ben and Ken.

In order to discuss the merits of the new "Hotline," a meeting was held and Doug H. of Butte County Crisis Intervention spoke of some of the problems encountered

in dealing with people who use hotlines. He also suggested the possibility of a joint effort in dealing with referrals and welcomed our participation in this new venture. Also, Jeannie, who is active with Rape Crisis and a new member of Parents and Friends, was most helpful with her expertise in handling emergencies that might arise. The number of the new "Hotline" is 891-5718. Everyone, including people new to this area, are welcome to take advantage of this service.

HALLOWEEN AT 900 CHERRY

A most festive evening was held on Halloween at 900 Cherry. This is the second year Ben & Ken have hosted this really fun party. They did an outstanding job of decorating the bar, and we certainly want to compliment them on their originality and hospitality. The entertainment by David and David was great and their costumes hilarious. The best costume prize went to Pat who came as a West Point Cadet. Is West Point ready for this? At any rate, everyone had a terrific time and are already looking forward to next year's bash.



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Earlier, on Nov. 16, the K of M served dinner to 600 people at the Senior Citizen's Center. In addition to serving and clearing up, they presented a \$150 check to the center, matched by a three-for-one government grant.



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Diablo Valley Metropolitan Community Church, with office headquarters in Concord, recently hosted the MCC Northwest District Conference. The Conference was held at a local hotel with over 200 people in attendance. Educational workshops, Church services, and District business meetings were conducted during the 3-day event.

DVMCC is expanding its "DVMCC CENTER" activities to include workshops on stress reduction as well as the weekly rap group and church-related activities.

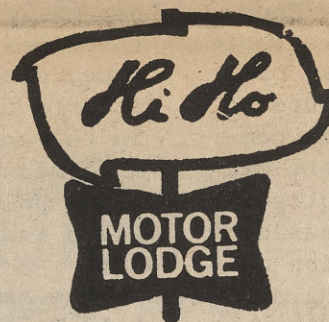
Other planned activities include bazaar and dessert auction November 21, the annual family Christmas dinner on December 19th, and a midnight Christmas Eve candlelight service.



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MCC OPENS OFFICE

Metropolitan Community Church has just opened an office at 1115 K St., in downtown Modesto. Worship Coordinator Patricia Litka sees this advantage in the new location: "Our having a centrally located office downtown now makes people who were previously reluctant to drop in feel better about doing so." She also sees the office as a better chance to explain MCC, and to tell the community about Christianity with homosexuality.

The Church is starting two new groups, one for gay parents, and the other for parents of gays. Hopefully, the second group will become a local chapter of the International Parents and Friends of Gays.

For information, contact MCC at 578-3694 or drop by the new office.

MODESTO

NEW YEAR'S DANCE

Set aside your New Year's Eve for the dance at St. Stanislaus Hall. The Stanislaus Gay Alliance, Modesto MCC, and Emerald Owl Court are getting together to put it on, and it will include a buffet, champagne, and a no-host bar. Doors open at 8 p.m.

For advance tickets, send \$7.50 to Box 5163, Modesto, 95352. It'll be ten bucks at the door. Call (209) 557-6816 for more information.

Also on the calendar:

Sunday, Nov. 21 is the SGA nomination meeting, set for 6 p.m. at the Cafe Decadance, 521 McHenry Avenue.

MCC will sponsor a Thanksgiving Dinner for the people without families with which to celebrate. Make your reservations before Nov. 22

by calling 578-3694, and plan to bring a potluck dish.

SGA's Thanksgiving Potluck and Newcomer's meeting will follow on the 28th. It'll last from 4 to 8 p.m., at Christina's and Sandy's place, 702 High Street, in Modesto. Thanks to Mike for providing the turkey. Smoking will be permitted on the patio only, for which we can all give thanks.

TURLOCK

The Family Service Agency is putting on a personal growth group for the gay community. The group is intended for gays who want to grow together in a group, dealing with other parts of their lives, without having being gay be a necessary issue.

Dates will be on Wednesday evenings thru December 22. Cost is scaled from \$7.50 to \$10 per session, based on income. Call 667-0864 for an initial 20-minute interview.

MERCED

The Merced MCC is holding a mid-week worship service every Thursday night at 7:15 PM. The location is the Applegate Park Bay Scout Club House, at M Street and Bear Creek. Worship Coordinator Patricia Litka invites everybody to attend.



STANISLAUS OWL EMPIRE, INC.

The Emerald Owl Court crowned their new leaders Nov. 13 at the Elks Lodge on McHenry Avenue. The theme for the evening was "A Holiday Fantasy," featuring Bobbi Calicoate and Sahdji. A Victory Brunch followed the next morning.

Gary Taylor--Crackers-- is the new Emperor IX. He's been a subject of the Court for five years and has served as a Treasurer and Vice President of the Board. He founded and chaired the Pleasant Peasant Faire. He emphasizes merging traditions with developing trends.

Ruling with him will be Rocky, Empress IX. Rocky's platform was informal-- just a promise to work harder than any of her subjects.

Their Majesties will invest the House of IX on Saturday, Dec. 4. A buffet and no-host bar will be provided for this first big fundraiser of the reign.



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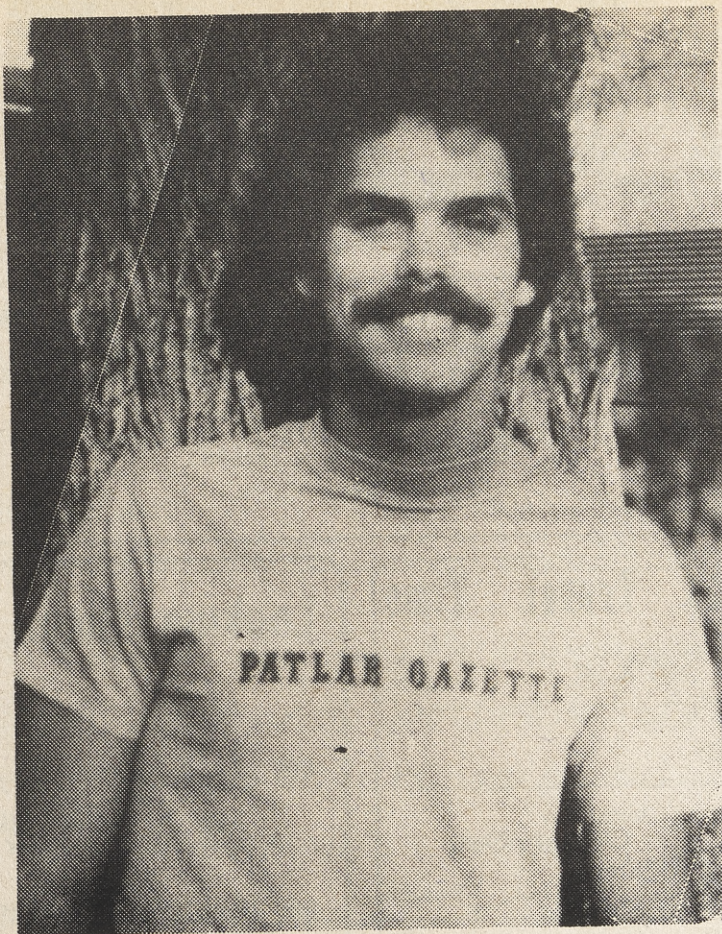
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Sunset Point Resort. It's the check-in station. They are noble people here--they serve coffee. It will call you back from the dead. There's a lot of bother here--registration, equipment checks, advice--but they do serve coffee. Somebody's worried about the big one getting away if we don't get an early start--I'm so sorry. Outside, it's cold. Inside, there's coffee.

What fool put me in this boat?

This soft rocking is going to have me carsick in a

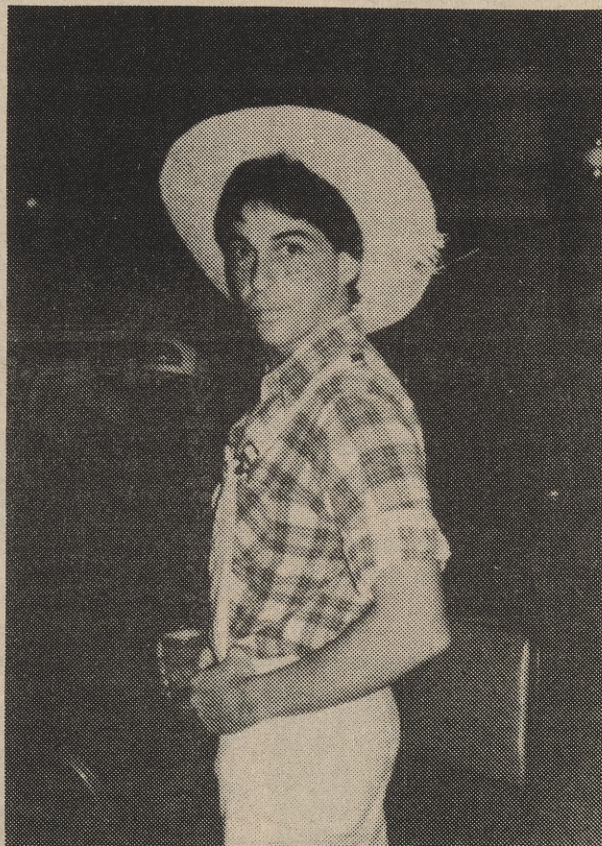
moment. The sun is up, bless him, and this person is handing me a Bud and a Gazette. He's a gentleman and a scholar.

My line has this problem. Strike one! A quick tug to set the hook--I was doubtful this morning, so I read the instructions. Now I start pulling in the line, slowly, just enough pressure not to lose the catch...Why does this catfish look like a bass? Even a gay bass wouldn't qualify for this derby. Racists.

Well, the hook is back in the water, and it's several Buds and several innings later. We're having fun now. Strike! This is a heavy hitter. Take your time, reel him in--boy, he's a big one (comment from the stern, "How butch!"



SO THE BIG ONE GOT AWAY...



GENE, FROM SUNSET POINT, FINDS HIMSELF AT THE CABARET'S HALLOWEEN PARTY.

See how I suffer?.) This one's a catfish--he looks just like the picture. I really did read the instructions.

What other contest would have an official called the Master Baiter? And who else would have him certify the size of your fish? And why is he in the bar, getting a bloody Mary?

It was time to go in, so we stopped at the Starlite resort to see if anyone

there had had any luck. Ed, Glenn, Eddie, and Robert, all from Vallejo, were all out on the patio. No report was available on the fish in their hot tub.

The awards were held at the Cabaret that evening, October 23. The winner was from Sunset Point, but prefers not to have her name printed. Sunday, the next day, was a monster Fish Fry. I never did get to use my Bass.

THE CABARET

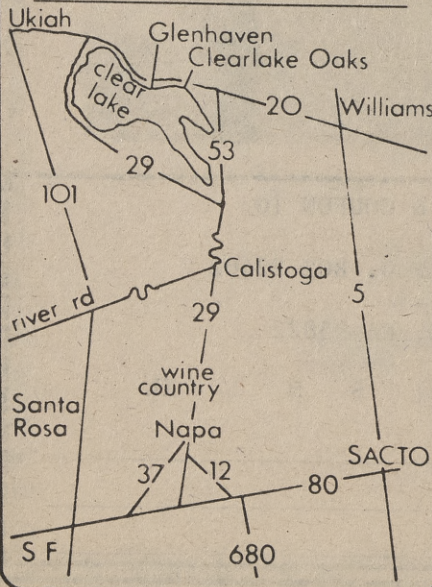
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NEVADA CITY

The 30th Annual Artists' Christmas Fair will be on Nov. 26, 27, and 28 in Nevada City.

Over 40 artists will participate. This year's fair has been limited to local artists because of the tremendous local response. The fair will feature pottery, jewelry, clothing, soft sculpture, leather goods, Christmas decorations, and other items.

The flavor of the event is Christmas Past, a time when

gifts made by hand were the rule, rather than the exception. All goods for sale are creations of the participants.

The fair will be at the Elks Lodge on North Pine St. and the Odd Fellows Hall on Broad St. in Nevada City. Hours are 11 AM-4 PM on Friday and Saturday, and 11 AM-4 PM on Sunday. More information can be obtained from the Chamber of Commerce, the fair's sponsor, at (916) 265-2692.

AUDREY FARINA -- THIS YEAR

Audrey Farina will present a one-artist show November 26, 27, and 28 at the Parent & Locke Antique shop in Nevada City.

Ms. Farina works in ceramics using a variety of different clays. She prefers to leave most outside surfaces unglazed and unpainted, letting the design derive from the structure.

Pottery is an ancient tradition, stretching back to the earliest settled

civilizations. Functionalism has declined in importance since then, but the craft and the art are enjoying new attention. Ceramics do have high-tech applications--witness the recent Space Shuttle--but the handmade pieces are still seen, felt, and appreciated.

Ms. Farina is a local artist living in nearby Grass Valley.

Old Fashioned Christmas

A traditional Christmas festival with a Victorian theme is scheduled for December 8, 15, and 22 in Nevada City. The event is held on Broad and Pine Streets and features vendors, hayrides, buggyrides, entertainment, and hot foods.

Nevada City has the background to stage such an event since its history goes back

into the 1800's. The town was established during gold rush days. Nevada City, which has a current population of 2520, is a showcase for many fine examples of Victorian era homes.

Additional information is available from the Nevada City Chamber of Commerce, telephone (916) 265-2692.

CONTRA COSTA

DVMCC sponsors a rap group Friday nights from 8:00 to about 9:30. Everyone's welcome, and a donation of \$1 is requested to cover the coffee and tea. Topics on the schedule are:

NOVEMBER

26 Cruising: How Do I Say Hello?

DECEMBER

3 Gay Life After Sex?

10 How To Share _____?

17 Partners, Lovers and Friends.

24 Christmas Eve Support.

31 Fruits Of Our Labors: 1982

DVMCC's on-going events are:

SUN 5:30 Services, 1924 Trinity Ave, Walnut Creek.

TUES 7:45 "Prayer and Christian Awareness." 1818 Colfax St., Concord.

WED 8:00 Mid-week Services, 1818 Colfax St., Concord.

FRI 8:00 Rap Group, 1818 Colfax St., Concord.

FRI 8:00 Valley Community AA, Sunrise House, 2898 Concord Blvd. Concord

For more information, call (415) 827-2960, or write to the Center, at 1818 Colfax St., Concord, CA.

MAN TWO MAN

A branch of Man Two Man is being established in Contra Costa County. The group, established a year ago in Sacramento, gives men an additional way to meet and make friends.

The group shares potluck dinners, speakers, field trips, and informal times.

For more information, call (415) 439-1545 or (916) 391-9755.

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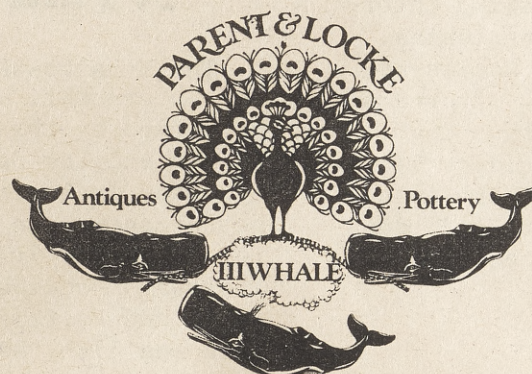
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The group meets Wednesday evenings. Participants socialize each Wednesday from 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm at the Man Two Man Lodge located at 2771 24th Street, Sacramento. Participants get to know each other while sharing interesting life experiences. For example, a Movies-at-Home program is offered once or twice a month. The group is operated by Patlar Enterprises. There is no charge; however, a \$2 donation is requested from participants.

The calendar of events is shown below. Additional information may be obtained by calling (916) 391-9755.

November

- 21 SUN SPECIAL EVENT: Annual Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner at Calaveras Big Trees State Park
- 22 MON MOVIES AT HOME (Bring Munchies)
- 24 WED SOCIAL: Open Night

December

- 1 WED SOCIAL: Discussion--Connecting: What are the Most Effective Ways to Reach Out?
- 8 WED SOCIAL: Guest Speaker
- 15 WED SOCIAL: Christmas Potluck Dinner and Gift Exchange
- 20 MON MOVIES AT HOME (Bring Munchies)

SACRAMENTO BALLET TO PERFORM

The Tchaikowsky ballet, The Nutcracker, will be performed by the Sacramento Ballet and the Sacramento Symphony Orchestra. The performances are scheduled for 10 AM and 7:30 PM on Thursdays December 9th and 16th, and Fridays December 10th and 17th. Saturday performances will be on December 11th and 18th at 2 PM and 8 PM. Performances on Sunday the 12th and 19th of December will be at 2 PM and 7 PM. All performances of the Nutcracker will take place at the Sacramento Community Center Theater at 14th and L Streets.

Ticket prices for Matinees are \$4.50, \$5.00, \$5.50 and \$6.00 and ticket prices for Evening performances are \$6.50, \$8.50, and \$9.50.

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OUR RIVER CITY FAMILY

Our River City Family is a social group for gay women and men. It's designed to give gays an additional way to get together. The current calendar, with phone numbers to call for additional information, is shown below.

NOVEMBER

- 25 THURS 12:00 Noon-- Thanksgiving Day Dinner. Everett, 486-9128.
- 29 MON 7:00 PM-- Gays Under 21, Everett, 486-9128.

DECEMBER

- 2 THURS 6:00 PM-- Volleyball, Paul, 447-1065.

- 4 SAT 7:00 PM-- Potluck, Frank, 485-7960.
- 9 THURS 6:00 PM-- Volleyball, Paul, 447-1065.
- 13 MON 7:00 PM-- Family Council, Frank, 485-7960.
- 13 MON 7:00 PM-- Gays Under 21, Everett, 486-9128.
- 16 THURS 6:00 PM-- Volleyball, Paul, 447-1065.
- 23 THURS 6:00 PM-- Volleyball, Paul, 447-1065.

NORTH BAY

by Robert Hinton

If your Halloween was anything like mine, well, then be glad you survived it. A very festive Holiday Weekend, indeed. Our Bar and The Black Eyed Pea restaurant were hopping. I don't think that Glen locked the doors for three days.

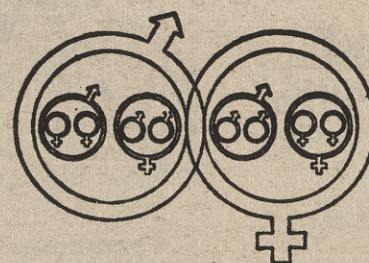
Thursday night started it all off with a bang. Gregory and Sharron appeared, along with TAZZ. The music and show were not only excellent, but also delightful. I am sure that we will be seeing more of them in the very near future.

Friday night Disco Party and after-hours breakfast were just what everyone needed to sober up and regain energy for Saturday Night. (Leona, thank you for all the love you extended to this Community

throughout the whole week-end.)

Saturday night; Costume Party and another after-hours breakfast. Costume judging at midnight left awards standing with 1st place Jess; 2nd place Norman; 3rd place Carl. Thursday, November 25, Our Bar's 1982 Annual Thanksgiving Day Traditional Dinner will be from 3:00 pm till 10:00 pm--\$4.95. Remember every Monday night is Morsel Night--Complete Dinner--\$1.99--5:00 pm till 10:00 pm.

Our Bar proudly presents its Annual Winter Cotillion Masquerade Ball--Thursday, December 16, 1982--our sixth anniversary. This affair promises to be one of the most beautiful Costume Balls ever. So everyone come on down, up, or over to Vallejo and party.



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SACRAMENTO

by Gerry Wortman

We swam on down to the Blackeyed Pea recently (the rain was pretty thick that night). You can't beat their Monday Morsel, a burrito and blackeyed peas, for just \$1.99. Downstairs at Our Bar, Dan, the wonder bartender, was doing strong bodies twelve ways. He made the whole swim worth while.

This reporter spent Election Night in Robbie Waters' headquarters, who won by less than 1500 votes. Any group with that many votes can claim to be the margin of victory. So can we. Gay Vote '82 registered 2,000 voters, a first-time effort. SacPAC endorsed the candidate. The community supplied campaign workers. Our hat's off to all of you, and to the voters who turned out as well. Without a lot of others, he wouldn't have won. But without us, he wouldn't have won, either.

I wish I could tell you about the party afterwards, but screams and hugs and sheriff whistles just don't print well. It was grand, though.

Gays under 21 now reports 56 members. Meetings have been moved to Monday nights, and the location is available from Everett, at 486-9128. As soon as they reach 100 members, formal elections are planned. There's a Junior Court in the offing, too: it's to be headed by Baron and Baroness, with suitable Knights, consorts, servants, and attendants on the person of Milord the Baron of Bojangles. A Thanksgiving Dinner, Christmas Party, and a snow trip are on schedule.

People who like teddy bears will like the current show at the Crocker Art Museum. Handmade bears, in various colors, from Northern California and

Europe and a group of bears from San Francisco in the 1950's and '60's will be on display thru January 16.

The Sacramento Men's Collective will host potlucks on November 21 and December 12. The monthly potlucks usually have numbers in the 20's. A wine-tasting fundraiser is slated for the December potluck. Call 985-6996 for details. The Collective will also sponsor two concerts in December--Charlie Murphy on December 11, at La Semilla, tickets \$4-6; and the San Francisco Coral Majority on December 17. The Coral Majority is a quartet of bold, funny, and not completely apolitical singers. The curtain will be at 8:00, and the cost is \$5.

Congratulations to Michael and Bob on the opening of their new shop, Flowers and Fantasies, at 4751 J St. About 350 people were at the Grand Opening Nov. 6. The store will carry a full line of floral displays, as well as a range of stuffed animals and decorations.

VALLEY KNIGHTS

Sacramento's Gay Olympic medalists will be presented at the Valley Knights annual Christmas benefit on Dec. 11. The community will have a chance to congratulate the winning athletes who represented us at the recent games in San Francisco.

The show, to be held at Turn Verein Hall, will be signed for the hearing-impaired by Gary Johnson.

The theme for the show will be "Extra-Terrestrial Christmas" and those who attend are encouraged to dress the part. A costume competition will be held.

The proceeds this year will benefit the Aquarian Effort, which maintains a medical clinic and counseling services used by many members of the community.

ORION FELLOWSHIP ALLIANCE

Orion Fellowship Alliance, a new organization, is being formed to meet the needs of Seventh-Day Adventist sexual minorities. The Sacramento chapter meets the first Saturday of the month for potlucks and frilowship.

Orion is dedicated to providing positive insight into human sexual orientation, and to decreasing confusion about sexual minorities.

The group is also working for a sexual theology within the Seventh-Day Adventist Church. It prefers to use a grass-roots approach, and offers speaker's bureaus, publications, and educational materials.

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FAUX PAS

By Ed E. Kett

Dear Mr. Kett: I am forever giving dinner parties. I always greet my friends with a pert, chaste kiss, and send them off with one, too, but I'm in a quandary as to how to greet my friend's current beaux. I always feel like I'm leaving them out. What do you feel is proper? Yours truly, Cyril.

Dear Cyril: After your friends have properly introduced their current flames to you, it is best that you offer them your hand first. Feel flattered if they offer a kiss in return, but let them make the first move. On the other hand, when bidding adieu feel free to kiss your new-found acquaintance goodbye. An evening of good food, wine, and indirect lighting can do wonders to break down many social inhibitions. Sincerely, Edward Endicott Kett.

Dear M. Kett,
My lover likes to hold my hand when we're out

walking together. Although I like to have as much physical contact with my lover as possible, I feel that the sight of two women (or men) strolling down the street hand in hand is still too much for most straight people to handle, and she should be more subtle. My lover feels we're striking a blow for Gay Liberation, by enjoying the same privileges to touch in public that straights have exercised all along. What do you think?

Sincerely
Edwina

Dear Edwina,
I would have to side with you. Although two women in love may stroll down Castro or Christopher Street arm in arm without raising an eyebrow, elsewhere they will be looked at askance. It is regrettable, but such is the case. Better we should try to overcome that stereotype of the limp-wristed gays holding hands and skipping down the street in unison, by emphasizing our self-control. Why be obvious when you can be discreet?

POET'S CORNER

CITY BOY

By Gerry Wortman

Hey there, City Boy.
Whatsa matta, City Boy?
Doesn't a moustache smile,
City Boy?
Do you hate the world,
City Boy?
I do not see your sorrow,
I do not know your pain.
But you have an unseen stare,
And you speak the unborn rain
City Boy.
There is no tomorrow.
There is no today.
And our yesterday
Was like so many others.
City Boy.
But there is tonight.
There is the friendly night.
And in our starlit armor,
With our moonlight crests
We will have a moment
A joyous pinpoint moment.
I will not be afraid.
I will not be unkind.
City Boy.

Dear M. Kett,

Whenever the hostess at a restaurant seats my lover and me in a booth (as opposed to a table) my lover, Armand, insists on sitting on the same side of the booth that I am on. Not being as liberated as Armand, I find this very unsettling. I feel it looks tres gay. Do I have a right to be queasy about this?

Sincerely
Eliot

Dear Eliot,

There is nothing wrong with two gentlemen sitting on the same side of a booth in a restaurant. Perhaps the ambience is better on one side than it is on the other, or they have a private matter to discuss and don't want to be overheard. Just remember good table manners and don't play with your food or your partner's. Heaven forbid you would nibble his asparagus.



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Voice of Gay America

"VOTE," from Page 5

elated--it's a dead heat "

Ten forty-five.. People are photographing the television. With only 800 votes difference, we're trailing. More applause.'The other station is interviewing the candidate now.

Eleven o'clock. They're holding a microphone to the TV for the opponent's response--we couldn't hear it otherwise. Issues have stopped mattering. We want numbers.

Eleven fifteen. Fifty point five per cent to forty

nine point five per cent. 2,000 votes. The dress code seems to be either T-shirts or sports coats. Some wear both. The candidate's daughter presented him with a victory poem. The radio has us 120 votes ahead, and they get returns about a half an hour earlier.

Eleven forty-five. TV shows the percentages unchanged. They're interviewing the crowd: "I'm very sure that it'll end up 51-49%, with our man in the lead. I just hope the other guy can keep up his house payments." The campaign, like many others, was very expensive.

Twelve thirty. The third network showed up. Half the precincts are in, and it's 50-50, only 700 votes difference. Several police whistles have joined the ap-

plause.

One o'clock. The opponent declared victory and went to bed. The candidate's response: "Presumptuous." The TV: "It's going to be a long night." 50-50, 54% of the vote, 1250 votes difference. It's possible to hear the TV again.

One forty-five. They're giving more time to cliff-hanger candidates. Their staffs were all magnificent, and their families were all stupendous. We turned off the TV for long enough for the candidate to say his thank-yous. Only the TV crews were going home. 50-50. 873 votes.

Two fifteen. The bar's closed. This was a law-'n'-order campaign. We're starting to see pieces of the all-night movie. 849 votes.

Three o'clock.. 135 votes. We have only the radio now. We're hearing about 2,000 votes, absentees, that won't be counted for two days. 95% of the precincts are reporting.

Three ten. "I'm ahead by 300 votes?!" The crowd is ecstatic--it's the first lead tonight. It's suddenly very easy to make friends.

Three fifteen. 97% and 400 votes!

Three twenty. 548! "Let's wake up the opponent and get his concession speech." 754!

Three twenty-five. 99.7% and 1320! "It was us Queers that did it." The candidate had received the endorsement of the gay community, and benefited from a voter drive.

Three thirty. 1451 votes in our favor. Final. Boy, what a night.

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THE ^{REALLY} OLD WEST

By Gerry Wortman

History is a bore until we see our own story being told by the historian. Gays existed throughout the West, of course, and it's sometimes fun to see what was said about them.

George Catlin traveled throughout the western frontier in the 1830's, painting portraits and scenes of Indian life. He also published a series of letters, one of which is worth quoting. In it he described the Sacs & Foxes, then living in what is now Iowa.

"Dance to the Berdashe, is a very funny and amusing scene, which happens once a year or oftener, as they choose, when a feast is given to the "Berdashe," as he is called in French (or I-coo-coo-a, in their own language), who is a man dressed in woman's clothes, as he is known to be all his life, and for extraordinary privileges which he is known to possess, he is driven to the most servile and degrading duties, which he is not allowed to escape; and he being the only one of the tribe submitting to this disgraceful degradation, is looked on as medicine and sacred, and a feast is given to him annually; and initiatory to it, a dance by those few young men of the tribe who can, as in the sketch, dance forward and publicly make their boast (without denial of

the Berdashe) that they have had sexual relations with her. (Catlin gives the boast in the original Sac & Fox.)"

Catlin is not easy to read. The mind wanders at the phrase, "extraordinary privileges."

A common mistake in talking about Indians is to assume that what is true of one group is true of another. Not so. Catlin himself was emphatic about limiting this custom to the Sac & Fox and their then neighbors, the Sioux (more properly, the Lakota.)

Catlin was, of course, wrong. George Bird Grinnell, in his landmark study, The Cheyenne Indians, reports, somewhat more objectively, that transvestites held a recognized place in the tribe. He omits any reference to their sexual habits. The Cheyenne were neighbors and close associates of the Lakota.

The Sac & Fox tribe has been moved--again--to Oklahoma. They do not retain this tradition. Most young Oklahoma Indian men join the military, where they have distinguished records. The effect on attitudes towards gays may easily be guessed.

Research for this article wasn't easy. Nineteenth-century writers don't like to discuss (gasp) homosexuality. If you know of historical gays in the Old West--Indian or not--please tell us. We'd like to document the pioneering spirit of our brothers and sisters.

After all, we still live on a frontier.

HOROSCOPES

by Dr. Patt Larr

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)--Booze and bods create quite a stir in your sign this month. That hunk you meet on the 3rd only drinks Sloe Screws. And you celebrate on the 12th when you pop the cork on a Magnum, and I don't mean champagne.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 20)--Now is the time for you to get physical. Join a health spa. You may meet someone who likes to play hardball. Expect a windfall on the 9th.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 18)--You've always had too much self-control. Forget your diet for the holidays. You may find a turkey with a big wishbone. Creativity runs high on the 15th.

PISCES (Feb 19-March 20)--An astral re-shuffle on the 4th turns you over, under, upside down. You won't know which end is up (or who's.) Enjoy.

ARIES (March 21-Apr 20)--Saturn collides with Pluto on the 29th and in a lucky accident you may meet Mr./Ms. Right. Keep an open mind. You can get anyone you go after.

TAURUS (Apr 21-May 21)--Pluto and Saturn, those two comic loners, join hands all

month. This means all work and no play for you this month, unless you're going to play by your lonesome.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)--Analyze your relationships. You're better than you think you are and better looking, too. If you deserve better than you're getting, look elsewhere. You can do anything you set your mind to.

LEO (July 23-August 23)--Cosmic vibes pulsate for you till month's end. Things come to a head on the 1st. Drop the pussycat facade and grab all you can. You're up to the challenge.

VIRGO (August 24-Sept 22)--Business and pleasure bill and coo as Venus and Pluto walk hand in hand in your sign this month. You'll either have a romantic interlude at work or get down to the bottom line in bed.

LIBRA (Sept 23-Oct 23)--How did you get to be so cute? Everybody's going to be wondering that this month as you find Leo rising on your cusp. Don't forget to give your phone number.

SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)--A variety of cosmic partners waltzes your sign around the Zodiac. You'll get a lot of suprising offers. Don't be a prude. You've got the Venus touch, spread it around.

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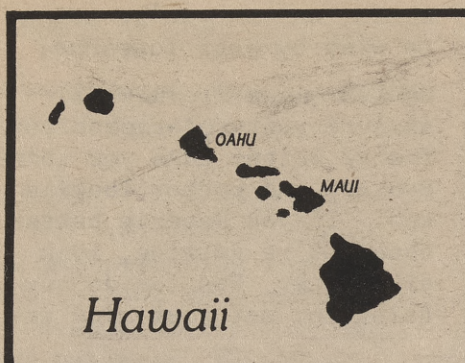
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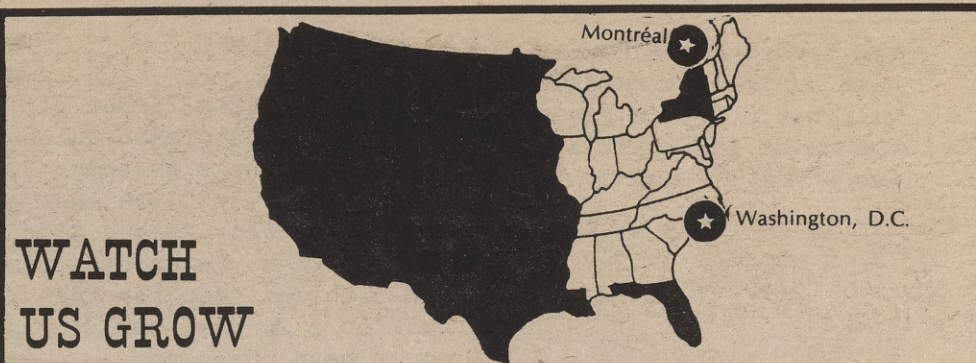
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